

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2010

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1276

Introduced by: Representatives Iron Cloud III, Blake, Burg, Cutler, Dennert, Engels, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gibson, Hamiel, Hunhoff (Bernie), Juhnke, Killer, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Lange, Lucas, Schrempp, Solberg, Sorenson, Street, Thompson, and Vanderlinde and Senators Bradford, Ahlers, Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Hundstad, Jerstad, Maher, Novstrup (Al), and Tieszen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to create a task force to study the functioning of the Office  
2 of Tribal Government Relations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. There is hereby established the South Dakota Native Affairs Task Force. The task  
5 force consists of the following members:

6 (1) For each of the nine Indian tribes located in South Dakota that chooses to participate  
7 in the task force, the chairman or president of the tribe or a person designated by the  
8 tribal chairman or tribal president to represent the participating tribe;

9 (2) The director of the Office of Tribal Government Relations;

10 (3) The current members of the State-Tribal Relations Committee; and

11 (4) A representative of the Office of the Governor.

12 If a vacancy on the task force occurs, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
13 original appointment.



1       Section 2. The task force shall be under the supervision of the Executive Board of the  
2       Legislative Research Council and staffed and funded as an interim legislative committee. The  
3       Legislative Research Council may receive additional funds from any legal source to carry out  
4       the purposes of this Act. The executive board shall designate the chair and the vice chair of the  
5       task force.

6       Section 3. In conjunction with the designation by Governor Rounds of 2010 as the "Year of  
7       Unity" in South Dakota, the task force shall evaluate the mission, history, activities, functioning,  
8       and effectiveness of the Office of Tribal Government Relations. The study shall also consider  
9       other appropriate organizational structures, tasks, goals, and activities for other potential  
10      ongoing entities designed to foster a closer working relationship between state government and  
11      the tribes and to address issues affecting South Dakota's Native American and non-Native  
12      populations.

13      Section 4. The task force shall begin its activities in 2010 and shall submit a report,  
14      including its findings, recommendations, and potential draft legislation, to the Executive Board  
15      of the Legislative Research Council not later than December 1, 2010.